



Bibles and Bread for Refugees

Overview

Bible Society Jordan is reaching out to refugee families and underprivileged Jordanian families with practical support, basic needs, and the word of God in partnership with local churches.

The Need

Over the years, Jordan has been known to be a land of refuge for many Arab and Non-Arab populations. Since 2011, millions of Syrian refugees have fled to safety in Jordan, residing inside camps and the outside. As wars continue, many refugees have had to prolong their stay in Jordan with minimal living situations, and furthermore, were followed by hundreds of thousands of persecuted Iraqis. These Iraqi refugees in Jordan have fled persecution in defence of their Christian faith and have sacrificed everything they own for their faith.

Yet Jordan continues to be an economically challenged country, with limited resources and high unemployment rates. Many families live in extreme poverty and lack basic living necessities. The post-COVID-19 financial situation means that there is a heightened demand for assistance and an increased burden on both local communities and refugee families.

The needs of these families have urged Bible Society Jordan to take a step forward and extend help to those in need.



760,000

refugees hosted by Jordan (mainly Syrians, Iraqis, Yemenis and other nationalities)

80%+

refugees live among Jordanians in the community

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free..."

Luke 4:18a, NIV

Goals

The goal of this project is to ease both the emotional and physical suffering of families by providing their basic needs, food and any urgent special items. This project aims to put the word of God into action, to reflect the love of Jesus by loving refugees.

In addition, this project is empowering the local churches with resources to care for those in need in their communities.

This project serves three groups: Jordanian, Syrian and Iraqi families. Distribution of emergency supplies for these families (food packages, supplies for babies, etc.) and Bibles for those who long to read it are done in cooperation with volunteer partners in local churches in different locations, and through home distributions and church visits. University and school tuition support are also being given for students.

The specific goals are that:

- 750 refugee families are provided with basic living necessities each month
 - 1,300 Jordanian families are provided with basic needs each year
 - 1000 Bibles, 2,000 New Testaments, and 5,000 Scripture portions are made available for churches serving in the field.
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Impact

The number of people this project aims to impact is 50,000. This will include 10,000 refugee families and underprivileged Jordanian families each year (with each family consisting of 4-5 members).

This project has a crucial impact on refugee families. Many families have gone from being without very basic needs for their families, to seeking the word of God and finding their hope again.

Through partnering with Bible Society in this project, the Jordanian church has become more empowered and active in serving families in need in their communities.

People will experience God's provision in their time of need, receive his gift of love and share the love and fellowship of other Christians.

Testimonies

"The need for food is endless, and when you feed the hungry, you give them the chance to look for something more ..."

— Project Coordinator, Bible Society of Jordan.

Prayer Needs

- Pray for the stability and safety of Jordan despite the continuously rising conflicts surrounding it.
- Pray that each and every refugee will find and get to know Jesus, their 'Rock of Salvation' and source of real strength amidst the hardship they are undergoing.
- Pray for the volunteers who are direct contact with suffering families, for their emotional and physical protection, and for strength as they offer helping hands and listening ears.
- Pray that the Lord will console the hurt and wounded.